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HAMDEN LEGISLATORS RECEIVE AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS



ROCKY HILL, CT – Two state representatives from Hamden received awards today from the Connecticut American Legion for outstanding legislative service to veterans. Representative Al Adinolfi (R-103) and Representative Brendan Sharkey (D-88) each received the awards at the American Legion – Connecticut Department’s Convention being held this week at the

Rocky Hill Marriott.

“It is a unique honor to be recognized by the American Legion,” said Representative Adinolfi, a Korean War- era Air Force veteran. “I am proud to continue my efforts to work on behalf of members of the armed forces, as well as the many veterans who all gave and continue to give so much to preserve our freedom and protect our nation.”

Sharkey added, “I’m very grateful to the Legion for their recognition, and I will continue to fight for all veterans, and particularly those young men and women who are now coming home from this latest conflict overseas.”

The American Legion traditionally honors one state legislator from each party. Rep. Adinolfi, a Cheshire Republican whose district includes parts of Hamden, received the award for his ongoing efforts to expand and enhance veterans’ benefits including the worker’s compensation benefit bill that passed last year.

Rep. Sharkey, a Hamden Democrat, was recognized for his work as co-chair of the Program Review and Investigations Committee that studied the operations of the Soldiers’, Sailors’ and Marines’ Fund and ultimately recommended changes that would make the Fund independent from state control.

“I’m very proud that both of this year’s award recipients are from Hamden,” said Fred McCarthy, Senior Vice-Commander of the American Legion Post 88 headquartered on Dixwell Avenue in Hamden. “It proves that the needs of veterans are not subject to partisan politics, and Hamden benefits from having two state legislators who care about us,” McCarthy added.